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SUBJECT: HURRICANE SEASON NOT DETERRING HAITIAN BOAT  
MIGRANTS

REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 1141

¶1. Summary: The hurricane season traditionally forces a hiatus for clandestine sea voyages by Haitian migrants, however, due to the relatively mild hurricane season to date, the United States Coast Guard (USCG) has repatriated 225 migrants within the last 30 days; another 6 migrants successfully reached the United States; and the USCGC VALIANT currently has another 82 migrants onboard waiting repatriation. The Government of Haiti (GoH) has prosecuted no one for organizing these dangerous and illegal voyages. End summary.

¶2. The USCG on August 13 transferred 101 Haitian migrants into the custody of the GoH in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.

¶3. The USCG on September 6 transferred 124 Haitian migrants into the custody of the GoH in Cap-Haitien, Haiti.

¶4. Six adult Haitian males on September 10 landed on the beach at Bal Harbor, FL. The men were taken to the Border Patrol Station in Pembroke Pines. However, eye witnesses and an abandoned smuggling vessel indicate that as many as twenty migrants came ashore in Florida.

¶5. The USCG on September 19 will transfer 82 Haitian migrants into the custody of the GoH in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

¶6. In addition, Jeanne Bernard Pierre of the Haitian Office of National Migration confirmed that on September 5 and 6, the Bahamian government repatriated a total of 456 Haitian migrants into the custody of the GoH in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

¶7. Haitian officials warned that they would pursue and prosecute the organizers of clandestine voyages at a June 15 conference on clandestine sea migration (see reftel). However, the Haitian media has not reported on any investigations or prosecutions of the voyage organizers.  
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